

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-6, 8 to 21 and 24 are currently pending in this application, of which only claims 1, 11, and 24 are independent claims. Amendments to the claims were introduced to further clarify the claim language.

Memorandum of Interview

On September 8, 2004 Examiner Afremova and applicant's representative conducted a telephone interview. During this interview the two declarations submitted with the response of June 30, 2004 were discussed. Improvements on the format of claims 1, 11, 13 and 17 were also discussed as well as the need for claims 22 and 23.

Amendments to and comments on the claims

In claim 11, the term "fetal" was removed from the preamble. See also page 2, lines 10 to 13, page 3, lines 13 to 17 and page 6, lines 19 to 32 of the specification.

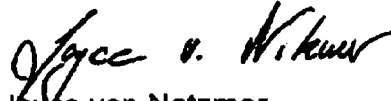
The term "physiological" in line 3 of claim 17 as amended is supported, for example, by page 6, lines 21.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call applicant's representative at the number listed below to further the completion of the prosecution this case.

No fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge representative's deposit account 50-3135 for any payment that might be due to ensure consideration of this submission. Overpayments may also be credited to said deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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